IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims **1, 3, 5, 10, 12-13** and **15** in accordance with the following:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A polyamide composition comprising (a) a polyamide, (b) at least one phosphorus compound selected from the group consisting of phosphoric acids, phosphorous acids, hypophosphorous acids, metal phosphates, metal phosphites, metal hypophosphites, phosphoric esters, and phosphorous esters, and (c) a soluble metal aluminate represented by the general formula $(M_2O)_X(Al_2O_3)_Y$ (wherein X+Y=1 and M is a Group 1 metal of the Periodic Table), wherein

the value of Y/X is $0.35 \leq Y/X < 1.0$; and

the molar ratio of polyvalent metal to monovalent metal in the composition (polyvalent metal/monovalent metal) is from 0.25 to 1.0.

2. (Original) The polyamide composition according to claim 1, wherein the phosphorus compound (b) is at least one compound selected from salts of phosphoric acid, phosphorous acid or hypophosphorous acid with Group 1 metals of the Periodic Table.

3. (Currently Amended) The polyamide composition according to claim 1, wherein the soluble metal aluminate (c) is a sodium aluminate represented by the general formula $(Na_2O)_X(Al_2O_3)_Y$ (wherein X+Y=1 and $0.35 \leq Y/X \leq 1.0$ ~~≤ 1.25~~).

4. (Original) The polyamide composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the polyamide composition contains 0.10 to 10 mol of phosphorus element, 0.10 to 10 mol of the polyvalent metal, and 0.10 to 10 mol of the monovalent metal per 1,000,000 g of polyamide.

5. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a polyamide composition comprising a step of blending (a) at least one of a polyamide-forming component, a polyamide during a step of polymerization, and a melted polyamide with (b) at least one phosphorus compound selected from the group consisting of phosphoric acids, phosphorous acids, hypophosphorous acids, metal phosphates, metal phosphites, metal hypophosphites, phosphoric esters, and phosphorous esters and (c) a soluble metal aluminate represented by the general formula $(M_2O)_x(Al_2O_3)_Y$ (wherein X+Y=1 and M is a Group 1 metal of the Periodic Table), wherein

the value of Y/X is $0.35 \leq Y/X < 1.0$; and

the components (b) and (c) are blended so that the molar ratio of polyvalent metal to monovalent metal (polyvalent metal/monovalent metal) becomes from 0.25 to 1.0.

6. (Original) The process for producing the polyamide composition according to claim 5, wherein both of the phosphorus compound (b) and the soluble metal aluminate (c) are mixed with the polyamide-forming components and then polymerization is conducted.

7. (Original) The process for producing the polyamide composition according to claim 5, wherein the phosphorus compound (b) is blended with the polyamide-forming component, followed by conducting polymerization, and (c) the soluble metal aluminate is blended with the polyamide during the step of polymerization.

8. (Original) The process for producing the polyamide composition according to claim 5, wherein the soluble metal aluminate (c) is dissolved in water and then blended in the form of an aqueous solution having a pH exceeding 9.

9. (Original) The process for producing the polyamide composition according to claim 5, wherein the phosphorus compound (b) is at least one compound selected from salts of phosphorous acid or hypophosphorous acid with Group 1 metals of the Periodic Table.

10. (Current Amended) The process for producing the polyamide composition according to claim 5, wherein the soluble metal aluminate (c) is sodium aluminate represented by the general formula $(Na_2O)_x(Al_2O_3)_Y$ (wherein X+Y=1 and $0.35 \leq Y/X \underline{< 1.0} \sout{\leq 1.25}$).

11. (Original) The process for producing the polyamide composition according to claim 5, wherein the phosphorus compound (b) and the soluble metal aluminate (c) are blended so that 0.10 to 10 mol of phosphorus element, 0.10 to 10 mol of polyvalent metal, and 0.10 to 10 mol of monovalent metal per 1,000,000 g of polyamide are contained.

12. (Currently Amended) The process for producing the polyamide composition according to claim 5 or 10, wherein ~~the soluble metal aluminate (c) is $0.35 \leq Y/X < 1.0$ and~~ the relationship with a ~~its~~ molar mixing amount (Z') of the soluble metal aluminate per 1,000,000 g of polyamide is $Z' < 1.785/(X-Y)$.

13. (Currently Amended) The process for producing the polyamide composition according to claim 5 or 10, wherein ~~the soluble metal aluminate (c) is $0.35 \leq Y/X < 1.0$ and~~ the

relationship with a ~~its~~ molar mixing amount (Z') of the soluble metal aluminate per 1,000,000 g of polyamide is Z'<1.785/X.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A polyamide composition comprising 100 parts by weight of the polyamide composition according to claim 1, and 0.001 to 1 part by weight of at least one moldability improving agent selected from C18 to C22 ~~higher~~ fatty acids, metal salts of C18 to C22 ~~higher~~ fatty acids, C18 to C22 ~~higher~~ fatty acid amides, and C18 to C22 ~~higher~~ fatty acid esters.

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